Please join us for our first live national web-based broadcast presented:

Concurrent Planning: Strategies for Implementation
Thursday, February 13, 2003 – 1:00 - 2:30PM EST
Produced by:
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Broadcast Overview
Concurrent planning represents an ongoing commitment to addressing the needs of the out-of-home care population by emphasizing family reunification while at the same time developing alternatives to permanency. The National Resource Center for Foster Care and Permanency Planning is pleased to announce a live web-based broadcast highlighting the issues confronting states in implementing concurrent planning models. The 90 minute broadcast, “Concurrent Planning: Strategies for Implementation” will be presented nationwide on Thursday, February 13, 2003 from 1:00-2:30PM EST. It will also subsequently be archived, and made available for viewing on the internet.

This webconference will examine concurrent planning from the perspective of state systems change and present state models currently in use. Speakers will describe their experiences in working with state child welfare programs to implement concurrent planning and expedited permanency and will share effective strategies for implementation. Handout packets will be made available to all participants prior to the broadcast. An interactive live question and answer period will also be available to facilitate discussions on current concerns and issues.

Speakers:
Janyce Fenton will discuss her work to implement concurrent planning and expedited permanency planning. She will focus especially on issues of best practice and necessary tools for caseworkers. Ms. Fenton is a consultant with J.L. & associates and has 20 years of experience in working with states and counties on child welfare issues. Her work includes contracts in 16 states around the country.

Carol Kelly will describe Colorado’s approach to successful implementation of concurrent planning, including systems issues. Ms. Kelly has 41 years of experience in child welfare in both the public and private sector. She has presented on the local, state and national level.
Both Ms. Kelly and Ms. Fenton will engage in an interactive dialogue to address barriers to change and effective strategies for implementation. They will be available live to address specific questions from audience participants.

AUDIENCE
This broadcast is designed for state foster care managers, their staff, Children’s Bureau staff and staff of the National Resource Centers interested in meeting the permanency needs of children in out-of-home care situations. 100 slots are available at no cost to participants. Availability is on a first-come, first-served basis.

CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES
- Examine concurrent planning from the states’ perspective
- Present examples of successful implementation efforts
- Address barriers to change
- Promote effective strategies for implementation
- Share ideas and solutions for best practices

REGISTRATION
You can register on-line using the attached form. Once we receive your registration we will e-mail you a downloadable conference handout package along with an evaluation form. Registration for this webconference is free. Availability is on a first-come, first-served basis.

We would like to make this webconference relevant for you and address as many of your questions and concerns as possible. Please contact Karyn Lee by fax (212/452-7051) or e-mail (karyn.lee@hunter.cuny.edu) with any questions you would like to have addressed on the web conference.

We are interested in your feedback from this experience and want to hear about additional topics that you would like to have addressed in this or other formats.

TECHNOLOGY
This program will be cybercast on the internet. Your computer will need to have the following in order to participate
- a minimum 28K modem,
- internet access, and
- either Microsoft Media Player or Real Player software.

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